

receptacles to which currency bills and substitute currency media are to be directed.

89. (Original) A document processing apparatus for processing both currency bills and redeemable documents, the apparatus comprising:

an input receptacle for receiving currency bills and redeemable documents;

a plurality of output receptacles for receiving currency bills and redeemable documents after the currency bills and the redeemable documents have been evaluated;

a transport mechanism for transporting the currency bills and redeemable documents, one at a time, from the input receptacle to selected ones of the plurality of output receptacles along a transport path;

an evaluation unit comprising a detector disposed along the transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacle, the detector being adapted to detect characteristic information associated with a currency bill and characteristic information associated with a redeemable document; and

a controller coupled to the evaluation unit, the controller controlling the operation of the transport mechanism and the operation of the evaluation unit.

90-111. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Applicants' thank Examiner McAllister for the May 8, 2006 telephonic interview with Applicants' attorney Mark Anderson in which the restriction requirement and the Office Communication mailed April 10, 2006 was discussed. The Examiner indicated that the claims he believed to be included with the generic claims and the claims within Subspecies 1 of Species I include claims 1-6, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22-29, 33, 35, 36, 38-40, 49-56, 59, 65, 68-70,

79, 80, 87, and 89. This amendment results in the preceding claims remaining pending in this application.

On April 10, 2006 an Office Communication was issued for the above-referenced application that indicated that the Applicants' January 4, 2006 Election in response to the July 27, 2005 Office Communication was not fully responsive. Applicants repeat the same Election as was made previously and properly identify the claims reading on the elected Species and Subspecies, as set forth below.

In the April 7, 2005 Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner indicated that claims of the present application was drawn to the following patentably distinct species:

- (a) Species I, drawn to FIG. 2;
- (b) Species II, drawn to FIG. 5;
- (c) Species III, drawn to FIG. 7a; and
- (d) Species IV, drawn to FIG. 10a.

The Examiner also indicated that within each species are Subspecies 1-9, relating to the particular detection means recited in claims 40-48, respectively.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect, without traverse, for the continued prosecution of Species I, drawn to FIG. 2, and Subspecies 1, relating to "at least one detection means" being "an optical scan head," as recited in claim 40.

Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkens & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47171-00305USP1.

Further action on the merits is respectfully requested.



Respectfully submitted,

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